MR. CHAIRMAN: Please resume your places. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please, Mr. Baishya. ...*(Interruptions)*... I am afraid. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी : दलित मुसलमानों और ईसाइयों का पूरे देश में आंदोलन हो रहा है ...(**व्यवधान**)... ये दो वर्षों से रिपोर्ट रखे हुए हैं ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति : आप बैठ जाइए ...(**व्यवधान**)... Question No. 62 ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी : यह गरीब लोगों, दलित मुसलमानों का सवाल है ...(**व्यवधान**)... सर, यह क्या हो रहा है ...(**व्यवधान**)... यह बहुत गलत बात है, सर ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No.62. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please resume your places. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please allow the Question Hour to proceed. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please don't come into the well. ...*(Interruptions)*... I am sorry. ...*(Interruptions)*... No, this is not the way to raise issues. ...*(Interruptions)*... No, this is not the way to raise issues. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, I have given a notice. We want the House ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I request the hon. Members to resume their places and allow the Question Hour to proceed. ...*(Interruptions)*... आप अपनी जगह वापस जाइए ...(**व्यवधान**)... Sorry, there will be no agitation here. ...*(Interruptions)*... I am sorry, there will be no agitation here. ...*(Interruptions)*... This is not correct. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please resume your places. ...*(Interruptions)*... I am sorry, but I have to adjourn the House for ten minutes. I would request the Leaders of Parties to see me in the Chamber.

The House then adjourned at three minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at thirteen minutes past eleven of the clock,

[MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.]

RE. MASSIVE SCAM IN JHARKHAND

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Government wishes to make a statement.

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Just a minute please. Pawanji

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Sir, my submission is that I am aware of it. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA (Jharkhand): Sir, let us submit our case. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, let us submit our case first. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI AMAR SINGH (Uttar Pradesh): Let us get an opportunity, Sir. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. ...*(Interruptions)*... Just two minutes each. ...*(Interruptions)*... All right. Two minutes each. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please resume your places.

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, it is painful to intervene in the Question Hour and becoming responsible for getting the Question Hour postponed or lapsed, I do recognise it, but the fact of the matter is - even yesterday, we said it - that there is a serious, burning issue which has come up during the Session of the Parliament. We are a Council of States. There is a massive fraud and scam which has taken place in the State of Jharkhand. The entire country and all media is full of reports of that massive scam. And there is President's rule in the State. ...*(Interruptions)*... There is President's rule in the State. Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let the hon. Member finish it.

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: So, this requires the attention of the House; otherwise, we will be failing in our duty. I have been told by my friends that we will be discussing the general corruption. General corruption is different. This is a specific issue where the money is siphoned off, kept in foreign banks and, then, kept in various establishments.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Fine.

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: And the accused person is no less than a Chief Minister who has been propped up by the ruling party here at the Centre!

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no; please. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: So, we have no confidence about a fair probe. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Your two minutes are over.

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: In order to have a fair probe the House should discuss it. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You just come to the substantive point. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: I am coming to that point. ...*(Interruptions)*... I am also a senior Member. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please. ...*(Interruptions)*... Look, we agreed on a procedure. ...*(Interruptions)*... पाणि जी, बैठ जाइए। ...(**व्यवधान**)... Please. You made your point. Please. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: I am concluding, Sir. ...*(Interruptions)*.... I will go by your order, Sir. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your point is registered. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please. I think you made your point. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: My point is that the person needs to be put behind bars immediately, and there has to be a detailed inquiry and there has to be a discussion in the House. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. You made your point. That is enough. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: The purpose of yesterday's leak was to divert the attention of the House and the country from the Jharkhand scam. That is why I demand that I should be permitted, after the Question Hour, to raise the issue. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please resume your places. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please resume your places. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. All Anwar Ansari. Two minutes. ...*(Interruptions)*... आप बैठ जाइए। ...(**व्यवधान**)... आप बैठ जाइए। बैठ जाइए। ...(**व्यवधान**)... One by one, please. ...*(Interruptions)*... One by one, please. ...*(Interruptions)*... आप लोग बैठ जाइए। ...(**व्यवधान**)... आप लोग बैठ जाइए, प्लीज़। ...(**व्यवधान**)...Please resume your places. Mr. Ali Anwar Ansari. ...(Interruption)...

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी : महोदय, ...(**व्यवधान**)... महोदय, ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no. Please don't make a speech. ...*(Interruptions)*... What is your point? ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री एस.एस. अहलुवालिया : अगर सत्ता पक्ष के लोग इस तरह से obstruction create करेंगे ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री एम. वेंकैया नायडु : अगर सत्ता पक्ष के लोग इस तरह से ...(**व्यवधान**)... सच्चाई सुनने के लिए ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी : महोदय, ...(**व्यवधान**)... महोदय ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you please resume your places? ...*(Interruptions)*... Please resume your places. ...*(Interruptions)* ...

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी : महोदया, ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी : महोदय, ...(**व्यवधान**)... महोदय, ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति : आप लोग बैठ जाइए। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी : महोदय, ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री एस.एस. अहलुवालिया : गरीबों का, आदिवासियों का क्या हश्र कर रहे हो। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी : महोदय, ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: What about Assam, Sir?...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... One minute. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please resume your places. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please resume your places. ...*(Interruptions)*... I am afraid Members are not willing to abide by the agreement made. The Chair has no option but to adjourn the House till 12 o'clock.

The House then adjourned at eighteen minutes past eleven of the clock till twelve noon.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock,

[MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.]

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Widening the scope of NREGA

*61. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to widen the scope of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a number of obstructions have arisen in widening the scope of NREGA and Government has set up an expert committee to clear them;

(d) if so, the details of these obstructions and the present status thereof; and

(e) the steps Government proposes to take to remove the same and to implement NREGA in an effective way?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. C.P. JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The benefits of works on individual lands as given in para 1 (iv) of Schedule I of NREG Act have been extended to small and marginal farmers *vide* Notification dated 22.7.2009 as per the following amendment:

"Provision of irrigation facility, horticulture plantation and land development facilities to land owned by households belonging to the Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes or below poverty line families or to beneficiaries of land reforms or to the beneficiaries under the Indira Awaas Yojana of Government of India or that of the small farmers or marginal farmers as defined in the Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debit Relief Scheme, 2008."

Further, construction of Bharat Nirman, Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendra as Village Knowledge Resource Centre and Gram Panchayat Bhawan at Gram Panchayat level has been included as a permissible activity in para 1 of Schedule I of the Act *vide* Notification dated 11.11.2009.